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Jeanett Krupshaw named Senior Citizen of the Year

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Jeanett Krupshaw plays bridge. She also is a bridge.

Ms. Krupshaw, who received the Anderson County Senior Citizen Center's 11th Annual Jo Brown Senior Citizen of the Year Award on Friday, was recognized for her efforts to estab-

lish an activity building in the former McCants Middle School Building on Fant Street in Anderson.

"I think it's an honor," Mrs.

Krupshaw said after receiving the award. "I felt very strongly about the need for a new senior center. This is a warm place; it always has been."

Mrs. Krupshaw said the center was necessary because other places where seniors were

lish Anderson's strong bridge community.

She provided leadership as well during the Senior Citizen Center's transition in 2004 into its activity building in the former

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Visitors help themselves to a large selection of cakes made to look like sunflowers for the Jo Brown Senior Activity Center open house on Friday.

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meeting to play bridge were becoming unavailable. Between three and 14 people now meet at the senior center for each game, she said.

"When you come, you know you're going to know people," said Linda Lewis, the director of the bridge club. "And new people are always welcomed enthusiastically."

Ms. Lewis said Mrs. Krupshaw was deserving of recognition.

"It couldn't go to a better person," Ms. Lewis said.

Before the award presentation, the center's walls

of dedication were unveiled. The bookshelf area was dubbed the Donna Barrs Resource Center, and the bulletin board was named the Brandon Grace Bridge Board. Ms. Barrs and Mr. Grace played active roles in the formation of the senior center. A third wall was named the Jo Brown Senior Citizen of the Year Wall, and it is to bear a placard for each recipient of the award.

The gathering Friday also was a celebration of the 104th birthday of Claudia Williford of the Iva Sunrise Seniors. Ms. Williford shared her memories of the center's namesake, the

late Jo Brown, and told what being a part of a senior group has meant for her. She also offered some words of advice.

"Be kind to one another," Ms. Williford said. "Don't be afraid to help your neighbor and your friend, so we can keep the joy going."

After a tasting of the cakes entered in a decorating contest, the event Friday ended with entertainment.

Sister Betty, billed as the "First Lady of Gospel Comedy," made the crowd roar with laughter. Gospel singer Tracie Oliver brought the celebration to a close.